



Arizona Department of Education
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Arizona Career and Technical Education (CTE) Delivery System

Vision: Ensure a dynamic workforce by fully developing every student's career and academic potential.

Mission: Prepare Arizona students for workforce success and continuous learning.

Career Management

Students will manage their careers for workforce success by:

- › Transitioning to higher education
- › Utilizing labor market information for career selection
- › Obtaining postsecondary occupational certificates and degrees
- › Completing on-the-job-training
- › Updating technical skills

Career Preparation Grades 10 through 12*

Students will have an opportunity to prepare for careers by:

- › Enrolling in CTE programs reflecting current labor market projections in Arizona
- › Achieving academic standards including reading, writing, math and science embedded in CTE programs
- › Attaining industry-validated competencies
- › Completing technical assessment options identified for CTE programs
- › Enrolling in CTE programs with curricular flow articulation to postsecondary

* Some 9th grade Career Exploration may include Career Preparation when the curriculum is designed to be delivered in grades 9 through 12.

Career Exploration Grades 7 through 9

Students will explore careers and attain academic and technical skills in the following foundational areas**:

- › Academic foundations*
- › Communications
- › Problem solving and critical thinking
- › Information technology
- › Organizational systems
- › Safety, health and environment
- › Leadership and teamwork
- › Ethics and legal responsibilities
- › Employability and career development
- › Technical foundations

** Career Clusters on the web at <http://www.careerclusters.org/16clusters.htm>

Career Awareness Kindergarten through Grade 6

Students will demonstrate proficiency at appropriate levels in the Arizona Workplace Standards***:

- › Communication skills
- › Computation skills and data analysis techniques
- › Critical and creative thinking skills
- › Teamwork skills
- › Marketable skills development
- › Social, organizational and technological systems
- › Technological literacy
- › Personal and professional resource management

***Arizona Workplace Standards on the web at <http://www.ade.az.gov/standards/workplace/default.asp>